

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3A illustrates a leveled state of the blade of this invention, where a blade body 1 having a circular periphery is integrally made of a metal sheet having a thickness of about 0.6 mm by a punching die. The blade body is formed with a top and a bottom transections 11, 12 on the circular periphery, and horizontally symmetrical cutting portions 13, connecting portions 14 and supports 15 extending outwards from the transections 11, 12. The remaining periphery of the blade body 1 is further formed into a serrated cutting edge 16. The relative movements of the serrated cutting edge 16 serve to pull the paper-to-be-shredded downwards and to cut the paper along a longitudinal direction into strips. The blade body 1 is formed with a polygonal central hole 17 through which a rotary shaft may pass. To enhance the bending resistance capability of the blade body, an annular crease (~~not shown~~)21 may be punched along an inbound of the circular periphery while punching the blade.